

**BREAZEALE FOR CONGRESS**

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Sent Via fax  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

25 Dec 2008

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This letter is in response to your letter dated 9 Dec 2008 (MUR #6140) concerning the complaint filed by the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) on 2 Dec 2008 against my campaign. I am responding on behalf of Ken Pervine, my Treasurer as well as the rest of the campaign staff.

First of all, I want to publicly rebuke CREW for wasting government taxpayer dollars investigating something with no validity in the case of Breazeale for Congress. Nobody on my staff ever received a call from CREW asking for an explanation of charges on our FEC Form 3. A simple call would have prevented this filing. However, it seems that CREW was only interested in free national publicity so the following is my response.

I have 2 professions: Airline Pilot and Army Reserve Officer. None of these professions require the type clothing required for a Congressional campaign. I returned from my 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat deployment to Iraq/Kuwait in July 2007. I then immediately started organizing my campaign for Congress upon my release from active duty (REFRAD) in July 2007. In my judgment, I was authorized to buy clothes for my campaign using campaign funds because it could be argued the clothes would not be for personal use except as required by the campaign. My Treasurer, Ken Pervine, questioned this decision after the clothes were purchased by me at a Men's Shop in Elizabethtown, NC. I asked Mr. Pervine to call the FEC for a self disclosure and advice. The FEC representative advised us that clothes and associated dry cleaning costs are not allowed under FEC guidelines. I wrote a personal check to reimburse the cost of the clothes. (See Exhibit A) In fact, the latest filing as of 24 Nov 2008 indicates that I have spent \$4,591 of personal money towards campaign expenses. This is more than enough to reimburse the cost of the clothes and dry cleaning bought in the past.

What happened was a simple and unintentional mistake and was self disclosed to the FEC when discovered in September 2007.

Breazeale for Congress recently filed a Statement of Candidacy with the FEC for the 2010 U.S. House election. I request quick resolution of this complaint so my staff can concentrate on 2010's election! Please call me at 919-465-1919 with any further questions to assist your investigation.

Sincerely



Will Breazeale, Breazeale for Congress, Candidate

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MAJOR WILLIAM J BREAZEAL

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